

I have read numerous articles on the debate and believe that XM and Sirius can provide the localized services in a way that do not take away from the local channels in any given region. From what I remember, the national networks were worried when The Weather Channel (TWC) made its national debut on Satellite and Cable Televisions. I do not believe the national networks have suffered a loss since TWC began broadcasting LOCAL weather for people who subscribe to Cable TV. There are far most pressing issues this country needs to deal with, so NAB needs to let well enough alone. XM and Sirius provide a wonderful service. I have been with them for just under a year, and yes, I do still listen to my local channels from time to time. Like any Radio station.... they are not always playing what I want to hear. When I pull into a city where I may need immediate information on traffic or weather, it would be convenient to have a channel that keeps that information up to date and readily accessible... XM does just that. Nothing is stopping the local stations from developing a system to provide the same service in a localized area. I would tend to believe if you polled the cities that XM radio is intending to provide the immediate weather and traffic information about, they would say they are glad there is a service that provides it. It could easily help to prevent traffic congestion, and keep traveling motorist informed of weather instead of listening to music cds due to loss of signal as you are traveling between cities. FCC, please realize that XM radio is only trying to keep THEIR subscribers up-to-date with the most most accurate weather and traffic reports. Let them do what they have shown they are good at. The NAB is against growth and expansion. Look at the past and everything they were against. Then you will see that their choices are always for the benefit of profits... XM is not requesting its subscribers to pay anymore for such a valuable service. Finally, how long do you think a listener is going to keep it on the localized weather and traffic report channel.. long enough to find out the information? Most likely... then what? They will either continue to listen to News, Comedy, or Music on XM/Sirius, or they may even scan the local channels to see **variety if offered by local (NAB) stations.. that's what I do..